

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2017-0060]

Decision that Certain Nonconforming Motor Vehicles

Are Eligible for Importation

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ACTION: Grant of Petitions

SUMMARY: This document announces decisions by NHTSA that certain motor vehicles not originally manufactured to comply with all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) are eligible for importation into the United States because they are substantially similar to vehicles originally manufactured for sale in the United States and certified by their manufacturers as complying with the safety standards, and they are capable of being readily altered to conform to the standards or because they have safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS.

DATES: These decisions became effective on the dates specified in Annex A.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Mr. George Stevens, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, NHTSA (202-366-5308).

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), a motor vehicle that was not originally manufactured to conform to all applicable FMVSS shall be refused admission into the United States unless NHTSA has decided that the motor vehicle is substantially similar to a motor vehicle originally manufactured for importation into and/or sale in the United States, certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, and of the same model year as the model of the motor vehicle to be compared, and is capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

Where there is no substantially similar U.S.-certified motor vehicle, 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B) permits a nonconforming motor vehicle to be admitted into the United States if its safety features comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable FMVSS based on destructive test data or such other evidence as NHTSA decides to be adequate.

Petitions for eligibility decisions may be submitted by either manufacturers or importers who have registered with NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR part 592. As specified in 49 CFR part 593.7, NHTSA publishes notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> of each petition that it receives, and affords interested persons an

opportunity to comment on the petition. At the close of the comment period, NHTSA decides, on the basis of the petition and any comments that it has received, whether the vehicle is eligible for importation. The agency then publishes this decision in the Federal Register.

NHTSA received petitions from registered importers to decide whether the vehicles listed in Annex A to this notice are eligible for importation into the United States. To afford an opportunity for public comment, NHTSA published notice of these petitions as specified in Annex A. The reader is referred to those notices for a thorough description of the petitions.

COMMENTS: No substantive comments were received in response to

the petitions identified in Appendix A.

CONCLUSIONS: For each vehicle identified in Appendix A, NHTSA has reviewed the respective petition and concluded that the vehicle is either substantially similar to its U.S. certified counterpart and capable of being readily altered to conform to all applicable FMVSS, or that it is capable of being altered to conform to conform to all applicable FMVSS.

NHTSA has also concluded that each RI who imports and modifies a vehicle under one of the subject vehicle eligibility numbers for the first time must include in the statement of conformity and associated documents ("conformity package") it

submits to the NHTSA under 49 CFR part 592.6(d) explicit proof to confirm that the vehicle was, where applicable, originally manufactured to conform to, or was successfully altered to conform to, FMVSS No. 101 Controls and Displays, FMVSS No. 138, Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems, FMVSS No. 208, Occupant Crash Protection, and FMVSS No. 301 Fuel System Integrity. This proof must include detailed descriptions of all modifications made, including a detailed description of systems in place (if any) on the vehicle as delivered to the RI, and a similarly detailed description of alterations made to the vehicle and said systems, including photographs of all required labeling. The descriptions must also include parts assembly diagrams and associated part numbers for all components that were removed from or installed in the vehicle, an accounting of any computer programming modifications undertaken and a description of how compliance was verified after alteration of the vehicle. NHTSA DECISION: Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing,

NHTSA DECISION: Accordingly, on the basis of the foregoing,
NHTSA hereby decides that each motor vehicle listed in Annex A
to this notice, which was not originally manufactured to comply
with all applicable FMVSS, is either substantially similar to a
motor vehicle manufactured for importation into and/or sale in
the United States, and certified under 49 U.S.C. 30115, as
specified in Annex A, and is capable of being readily altered

to conform to all applicable FMVSS or has safety features that comply with, or are capable of being altered to comply with, all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY NUMBER FOR SUBJECT VEHICLES: The importer of a vehicle admissible under any final decision must indicate on the form HS-7 accompanying entry the appropriate vehicle eligibility number indicating that the vehicle is eligible for entry. Vehicle eligibility numbers assigned to vehicles admissible under this decision are specified in Annex A.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.7; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

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ANNEX A

NONCONFORMING MOTOR VEHICLES DECIDED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMPORTATION

1. Docket No. NHTSA-2014-0121

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2009 Jeep Compass Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2009 Jeep Compass Multipurpose Passenger Vehicles

Notice of Petition

Published at: 81 FR 64978 (September 21, 2016)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-589 (effective date October 31, 2016)

2. Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0023

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2010 Chevrolet Camaro Passenger Cars

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2010 Chevrolet Camaro Passenger Cars

Notice of Petition

Published at: 82 FR 17508 (April 11, 2017)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-591 (effective date June 15, 2017)

3. Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0041

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Trucks

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2008 Chevrolet Silverado Trucks

Notice of Petition

Published at: 81 FR 71182 (October 14, 2016)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-590 (effective date November 28, 2016)

4. Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0118

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2013 BMW R1200 GS Adventure Motorcycles

Substantially Similar U.S. Certified Vehicles: 2013 BMW R1200 GS Adventure Motorcycles

Notice of Petition Published at: 82 FR 17082 (April 7, 2017)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VSP-592 (effective date June 15, 2017)

5. Docket No. NHTSA-2016-0130

Nonconforming Vehicles: 2014 EMU Camper Trailer 4x4 Extreme Adventure

Because there is no substantially similar U.S. - certified version, the petitioner sought import eligibility under 49 U.S.C. 30141(a)(1)(B).

Notice of Petition
Published at: 82 FR 17068 (April 7, 2017)

Vehicle Eligibility Number: VCP-63 (effective date June 15, 2017)

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